

## A Message from the Incoming Director



As I come on board, Johnson Space Center (JSC) continues to transition during an extended period of change. This past year has witnessed several leadership changes at JSC. Roy Estess came over from Stennis Space Center as the Acting Center Director and quickly established his presence and set the tone with

his personal leadership and great dedication to the task at hand. Later in the year, Randy Stone, a 34-year veteran of Mission Control and JSC, was first named Acting Associate Director and then Deputy Director of JSC by Roy Estess. Randy brings a rich tradition to the position, having contributed to the Apollo and Skylab Programs, the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, the Space Shuttle Program and, most recently, with the International Space Station Program.

As I check in, my first order of business is to recognize the great achievements this past year of the JSC workforce, both civil servants and contractors. While new to the civil servant ranks at NASA, I have been a member of the JSC workforce for three years and I bring a great appreciation for what this group is capable of accomplishing.

As you read through the past year's chronicle, you will no doubt be impressed with the technical and engineering challenges that were met. You may even be surprised to learn a few things about our involvement in education and the community in general. However, you would not be surprised about these accomplishments if

you had ever visited JSC. With that in mind, I hope that if this document sparks your interest in an area you contact us for more information, or even request a visit to find out first hand what it is we do.

In closing, I am very honored to succeed Roy Estess, a man who the JSC community is forever indebted to for his stewardship and personal sacrifice during the past year. Roy held the JSC ship on a steady course during a time of great achievement tempered with extensive attention from many venues. The JSC family will long remember his leadership and friendship. From us to Roy and his family, a hearty Texas THANK YOU!

